

Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards announced

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RICHMOND, VA. -- The Secretary of Natural Resources L. Preston Bryant, Jr., announced the 33 winners of the 2008 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards on April 2 at the Environment Virginia 2008 conference in Lexington.

The awards recognize the significant contributions of environmental and conservation leaders in three categories: environmental projects, environmental programs and land conservation. They are given to businesses and industrial facilities, government agencies and individuals.

Three entries were recognized at the highest award level, the Governor's Flag:

- Micron Technology in Manassas for its successful implementation of an environmental management system, which ensures best management practices and innovative technologies are deployed throughout the facility.
- City of Charlottesville for its environmental sustainability initiative to protect and maintain environmental resources and to minimize waste.
- Volvo Trucks North America's New River Valley Plant in Dublin for its recycling project that reuses 70 percent of the facility's wastewater.

Award winners were chosen based on criteria related to environmental scope, impact, management and protection; community outreach, involvement and access; and a record of compliance with environmental regulations.

This year's awards were sponsored by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Virginia Manufacturers Association and Virginia Tech's Center for Organizational and Technological Advancement.

Additional information on the Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards is available on the DEQ website at www.deq.virginia.gov.